

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A garment comprising a stretch fabric wherein the garment is adapted to eovers cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is adapted to be worn be-by being fitted to the wearer's body, wherein:

the garment in part has a portion with a strong straining force;

the portion with a strong straining force is a first strong straining-portion-(A);

wearer's right and left parts of the portion (A)the first portion are connected at a position on the back side of the garment corresponding to any region from os sacrum to vertebrae lumbalis of the wearer's body; and

the portion (A)the first portion covers a region extending from said position through tops of bulges of the buttocks or vicinities tehreefthereof approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus gluteous maximus at wearer's right and left to at least the vicinity of trochanter major.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The garment according to claim 1, further comprising a second strong straining portion-(B), wherein:

wearer's right and left parts of the portion (B)the second portion are connected at a position on the garment corresponding to musculus rectus abdominis in a hypogastric region; and

the portion (B)the second portion covers a region extending obliquely downward from the position on musculus rectus abdominis in a hypogastric region approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus obliquus internus abdominis at wearer's right and left to at least the vicinity of trochanter major.

Claim3 (canceled):

Claim 4 (canceled):

Claim 5 (canceled):

Claim 6 (canceled):

Claim 7 (currently amended): ~~The garment according to claim 1, further comprising:~~ A garment comprising:

a stretch fabric wherein the garment is adapted to cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is adapted to be worn by being fitted to the wearer's body;

a first strong straining portion with a strong straining force,

wherein wearer's right and left parts of the first portion are connected at a position on the back side of the garment corresponding to any region from os sacrum to vertebrae lumbalis of the wearer's body;

the first portion covers a region extending from said position through tops of bulges of the buttocks or vicinities thereof approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus gluteous maximus at wearer's right and left to at least the vicinity of trochanter major;

a second strong straining portion; and

a third strong straining portion-(F) for pressing abdomen; and

a second strong straining portion-(B)

wherein:

the portion-(F)the third portion has a main stretch direction in the longitudinal direction of the garment;

the portion-(F)the third portion covers the center of hypogastric region;

an end of the portion-(B)the second portion is connected to each of wearer's right and left lower sides of the portion-(F)the third portion; and

the portion-(B)the second portion covers a region extending obliquely downward from the right and left lower sides of the portion-(F)the third portion approximately in the directions

of muscle fibers of musculus obliquus internus abdominis at wearer's right and left to at least the vicinity of trochanter major.

Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~The garment according to claim 1, further comprising~~
A garment comprising:

a stretch fabric wherein the garment is adapted to cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is adapted to be worn by being fitted to the wearer's body;

a first strong straining portion with a strong straining force,

wherein wearer's right and left parts of the first portion are connected at a position on the back side of the garment corresponding to any region from os sacrum to vertebrae lumbalis of the wearer's body;

the first portion covers a region extending from said position through tops of bulges of the buttocks or vicinities thereof approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus gluteous maximus at wearer's right and left to at least the vicinity of trochanter major;

a third strong straining portion (F) for pressing abdomen; and

a fourth strong straining portion (C),

wherein the portion (F) the third portion has a main stretch direction in the longitudinal direction of the garment;

the portion (F) the third portion covers the center of a hypogastric region;

an end of the portion (C) the fourth portion is connected to each of wearer's right and left upper sides of the portion (F) the third portion; and

the portion (C) the fourth portion covers a region extending obliquely upward from the right and left upper sides of the portion (F) the third portion approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus obliquus externus abdominis at wearer's right and left to at least a position exceeding the sides of the wearer to the back side.

Claim 9 (currently amended): ~~The garment according to claim 1, further comprising~~
A garment comprising:

a stretch fabric wherein the garment is adapted to cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is adapted to be worn by being fitted to the wearer's body;
a first strong straining portion with a strong straining force,
wherein wearer's right and left parts of the first portion are connected at a position on the back side of the garment corresponding to any region from os sacrum to vertebrae lumbalis of the wearer's body;

the first portion covers a region extending from said position through tops of bulges of the buttocks or vicinities thereof approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus gluteous maximus at wearer's right and left to at least the vicinity of trochanter major;

a second strong straining portion;

a third strong straining portion-(F) for pressing abdomen, a strong straining portion (Band

a fourth strong straining portion-(C),

wherein:

the portion (F)the third portion has a main stretch direction in the longitudinal direction of the garment;

the portion (F)the third portion covers the center of a hypogastric region;

an end of the portion (B)the second portion is connected to each of wearer's right and left lower sides of the portion (F)the third portion;

the second portion-(B) covers a region extending obliquely downward from the right and left lower sides of the portion (F)the third portion approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus obliquus internus abdominis at wearer's right and left to at least the vicinity of trochanter major;

an end of the portion (C)the fourth portion is connected to each of wearer's right and left upper sides of the portion (F)the third portion; and

the portion (C)the fourth portion covers a region extending obliquely upward from the right and left upper sides of the portion (F)the third portion approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus obliquus externus abdominis at wearer's right and left to at least a position exceeding the sides of the wearer to the back side.

Claim 10 (canceled):

Claim 11 (canceled):

Claim 12 (canceled):

Claim 13 (currently amended): The garment according to claim 21, wherein:
~~the portion indicated by the portion (B) the second portion also has is-a fifth strong straining portion (B2); and~~

~~the fifth portion (B2) further covers a region extending from the vicinity of trochanter major through a lower part of the bulges of the buttocks.~~

Claim 14 (currently amended): The garment according to claim 21, wherein:
~~the portion indicated by the portion (B) the second portion also has is-a sixth strong straining portion (B3); and~~

~~the sixth portion (B3) further covers a region extending from the vicinity of trochanter major through at least a part of hamstrings in regio femoralis posterior.~~

Claim 15 (canceled):

Claim 16 (canceled):

Claim 17 (canceled):

Claim 18 (canceled):

Claim 19 (canceled):

Claim 20 (canceled):

Claim 21 (canceled):

Claim 22 (canceled):

Claim 23 (canceled):

Claim 24 (canceled):

Claim 25 (currently amended): ~~The garment according to claim 1, further comprising~~ A garment comprising:

a stretch fabric wherein the garment is adapted to cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is adapted to be worn by being fitted to the wearer's body;
a first strong straining portion with a strong straining force,
wherein wearer's right and left parts of the first portion are connected at a position on the back side of the garment corresponding to any region from os sacrum to vertebrae lumbalis of the wearer's body;

the first portion covers a region extending from said position through tops of bulges of the buttocks or vicinities thereof approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus gluteous maximus at wearer's right and left to at least the vicinity of trochanter major; and

a fourth strong staining straining portion (C), wherein:
wherein wearer's right and left parts of the portion (C) the fourth portion are connected at a position on the garment corresponding to musculus rectus abdominis in a hypogastric region; and

the portion (C) the fourth portion covers a region extending obliquely upward from the position on musculus rectus abdominis in hypogastric region approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus obliquus externus abdominis at wearer's right and left to at least a position exceeding the sides of the wearer to the back side.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The garment according to claim 21, further comprising:

a fourth strong staining-straining portion, (C), wherein:

wherein wearer's right and left parts of the portion (C)the fourth portion are connected at a position on the garment corresponding to musculus rectus abdominis in a hypogastric region; and

the portion (C)the fourth portion covers a region extending obliquely upward from the position on musculus rectus abdominis in a hypogastric region approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus obliquus externus abdominis at wearer's right and left to at least a position exceeding the sides of the wearer to the back side.

Claim 27 (currently amended): ~~The garment according to claim 1, further comprising~~ A garment comprising:

a stretch fabric wherein the garment is adapted to cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is adapted to be worn by being fitted to the wearer's body;

a first strong straining portion with a strong straining force,

wherein wearer's right and left parts of the first portion are connected at a position on the back side of the garment corresponding to any region from os sacrum to vertebrae lumbalis of the wearer's body;

the first portion covers a region extending from said position through tops of bulges of the buttocks or vicinities thereof approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus gluteous maximus at wearer's right and left to at least the vicinity of trochanter major; and

a seventh strong straining portion (D), wherein:

wherein wearer's right and left parts of the portion (D)the seventh portion are connected approximately in the vicinity of a position on the garment corresponding to the back center of the waist; and

the portion (D)the seventh portion covers a region extending from the vicinity of the position at the back center of the waist through musculus latissimus dorsi and musculus gluteus

medius at wearer's right and left and a part of musculus obliquus externus abdominis to at least a position exceeding the sides of the wearer to the front side.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The garment according to claim 26, further comprising:

a seventh strong straining portion, (D) wherein:

wherein -wearer's right and left parts of the portion (D)the seventh portion are connected approximately in the vicinity of a position on the garment corresponding to the back center of the waist; and

the portion (D)the seventh portion covers a region extending from the vicinity of the position at the back center of the waist through musculus latisimus dorsi and musculus gluteus medius at wearer's right and left and a part of musculus obliquus externus abdominis to at least a position exceeding the sides of the wearer to the front side.

Claim 29 (currently amended): The garment according to claim 1, A garment comprising:

a stretch fabric wherein the garment is adapted to cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is adapted to be worn by being fitted to the wearer's body;

a first strong straining portion with a strong straining force,

wherein wearer's right and left parts of the first portion are connected at a position on the back side of the garment corresponding to any region from os sacrum to vertebrae lumbalis of the wearer's body; and

the first portion covers a region extending from said position through tops of bulges of the buttocks or vicinities thereof approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus gluteous maximus at wearer's right and left to at least the vicinity of trochanter major;

wherein:

the portion indicated by the portion (A)the first portion also has is an eighth strong straining portion, (A2); and

wherein the eighth portion-(A2) further covers a region extending from the vicinity of trochanter major toward regio femoralis anterior medialis through at least a part of any at least one musculus quadriceps femoris selected from musculus sartorius, musculus rectus femoris and musculus vastus medialis.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The garment according to claim 1, A garment comprising:

a stretch fabric wherein the garment is adapted to cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is adapted to be worn by being fitted to the wearer's body;

a first strong straining portion with a strong straining force,

wherein wearer's right and left parts of the first portion are connected at a position on the back side of the garment corresponding to any region from os sacrum to vertebrae lumbalis of the wearer's body; and

the first portion covers a region extending from said position through tops of bulges of the buttocks or vicinities thereof approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus gluteous maximus at wearer's right and left to at least the vicinity of trochanter major;

wherein:

the portion indicated by the portion (A)the first portion also has is-a ninth strong straining portion,(A3); and

wherein the ninth portion-(A3) further covers a region extending from the vicinity of trochanter major through the vicinity of tractus iliotibialis and/or musculus vastus lateralis in regio femoralis to a position a little higher than patella.

Claim 31 (currently amended): The garment according to claim 1, A garment comprising:

a stretch fabric wherein the garment is adapted to cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is adapted to be worn by being fitted to the wearer's body;:

a first strong straining portion with a strong straining force,

wherein wearer's right and left parts of the first portion are connected at a position on the back side of the garment corresponding to any region from os sacrum to vertebrae lumbalis of the wearer's body; and

the first portion covers a region extending from said position through tops of bulges of the buttocks or vicinities thereof approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus gluteous maximus at wearer's right and left to at least the vicinity of trochanter major;

wherein:

the portion indicated by the portion (A) the first portion also has is an tenth strong straining portion (A4); and

the tenth portion (A4) further covers a region extending from the vicinity of trochanter major through the vicinity of tractus iliotibialis and/or musculus vastus lateralis to patella, and further from patella through the vicinity of musculus gastrocnemius and/or musculus soleus in the regio cruris lateralis to the vicinity of an upper part of malleolus lateralis so as to support musculus gastrocnemius and musculus soleus.

Claim 32 (currently amended): The garment according to 28, further comprising:
an eleventh strong straining portion (C-D) in which the portion (C) the fourth portion and the portion (D) the seventh portion are united and continuous.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The garment according to claim 1, wherein a strong straining portion is formed by laminating a cloth on the front side or back side of a main body fabric of the garment.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The garment according to claim 1, wherein a strong straining portion is formed by changing a stitch for knitting a main body fabric of the garment to form a weak straining portion and a strong straining portion in patterns.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The garment according to claim 1, wherein a strong straining portion is formed by laminating a film of a synthetic resin or rubber having

elasticity on a predetermined part of a main body fabric of the garment or by impregnating or coating a predetermined part of a main body fabric of the garment with a solution or emulsion of a synthetic resin or rubber having elasticity followed by drying.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The garment according to claim 1, wherein a strong straining portion has a straining force of 150 to 400 gf.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The garment according to claim 1, wherein the stretch fabric is a knitted fabric selected from a two-way stretch tricot and a stretch raschel.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The garment according to claim 1, wherein:
the garment comprises a stretch fabric,
the garment covers at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is worn by being fitted to the wearer body, and
the garment is selected from a girdle, spats, sports tights, bodysuit, leotard and swimsuit.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The garment according to claim 1, wherein:
the garment comprises a stretch fabric,
the garment covers at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is worn by being fitted to the wearer body, and
the garment has a leg part cylindrically covering regio femoralis of the wearer body to at least a position lower than the crotch part.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The garment according to claim 1, wherein:
the garment comprises a stretch fabric,
the garment covers at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is worn by being fitted to the wearer body,

the position of a lower end of the garment is approximately the same as or higher than the position of the crotch part; and

the garment does not have a leg part cylindrically covering regio femoralis to at least a position lower than the crotch part.

Claim 41 (currently amended): The garment according to claim 31, further comprising a twelfth strong straining portion (E), wherein:

the twelfth portion (E) covers a region extending from an upper part of regio femoralis medialis through musculus vastus medialis to patella so as to support musculus vastus medialis, and further from patella through the vicinity of one of musculus gastrocnemius and musculus soleus in region curis medialis to the vicinity of an upper part of malleolus medialis so as to support musculus gastrocnemius and musculus soleus.